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SUBJ: LEADER GRANT INVITATION TO IMAM MUSA AS-SADR

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1. I AM ATTENDING THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, SMALL STAG DINNER ARRANGED FOR ME TO MEET MUSA SADR, WHOM I HAVE NOT SEEN SINCE MY FIRST PROTOCOL CALL ON HIM LAST MARCH. UNDOUBTEDLY HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE DISCUSSED. I HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO GO AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT AMEMBASSY TEHRAN MIGHT WISH TO POSTPONE ANY POSSIBLE ACTION VIS-A-VIS GOI UNTIL I REPORT ON MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM.

2. RE IMAM, MIGHT NOTE THAT MONDAY, AUGUST 12. I HAD MOST INTERESTING CONVERSATION WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, KHALIL EL-KHALIL, A SHI'A WHO PROBABLY KNOWS AS MUCH ABOUT THE IMAM AS ANY LEBANESE OFFICIAL. KHALIL STATED HE HAD DISCUSSED THE IMAM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS NOT ONLY WITH THE SHAH, BUT ALSO WITH OTHER IRANIAN OFFICIALS. I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AN EMBOFF REFERRING TO MY CONVERSATIONS WITH KHALIL SHOULD EMBASSY TEHRAN EVER WISH TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH KHALIL.
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